



## Capitalization . . .

### 680.1

#### Geographic Names

Capitalize the following geographic names.

Planets and heavenly bodies . . . . . **Venus, Jupiter, Milky Way**

Lowercase the word “earth” except when used as the proper name of our planet, especially when mentioned with other planet names.

**What on earth** are you doing here?

**Sam** has traveled across the face of the **earth** several times.

**Jupiter's** diameter is 11 times larger than **Earth's**.

The four inner planets are **Mercury, Venus, Earth,** and **Mars**.

Continents . . . . . **Europe, Asia, South America, Australia, Africa**

Countries . . . **Morocco, Haiti, Greece, Chile, United Arab Emirates**

States . . . . . **New Mexico, Alabama, West Virginia, Delaware, Iowa**

Provinces . . . . . **Alberta, British Columbia, Quebec, Ontario**

Counties . . . . . **Sioux County, Kandiyohi County, Wade County**

Cities . . . . . **Montreal, Baton Rouge, Albuquerque, Portland**

Bodies of water . . . . . **Delaware Bay, Chickamunga Lake,**

**Indian Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Skunk Creek**

Landforms . . . . . **Appalachian Mountains, Bitterroot Range**

Public areas . . . . . **Tiananmen Square, Sequoia National Forest,**

**Mount Rushmore, Open Space Park, Vietnam Memorial**

Roads and highways . . . . . **New Jersey Turnpike, Interstate 80,**

**Central Avenue, Chisholm Trail, Mutt's Road**

Buildings . . . **Pentagon, Paske High School, Empire State Building**

Monuments . . . . . **Eiffel Tower, Statue of Liberty**

### 680.2

#### Particular Sections of the Country

Capitalize words that indicate particular sections of the country. Also capitalize proper adjectives formed from names of specific sections of a country.

**Having grown up on the hectic East Coast,** I find life in the **South** to be refreshing.

**Here in Georgia,** **Southern** hospitality is a way of life.

Words that simply indicate a direction are not capitalized; nor are adjectives that are formed from words that simply indicate direction.

**The town where I live,** located **east** of **Memphis,** is typical of others found in **western Tennessee**.



## Practice

### Capitalization 3

■ Geographic Names

■ Particular Sections of the Country



Write the answer to each of the following questions.

**Example:** What is the name of the country located just south of the United States?

*Mexico*

1. What are the two continents not listed on the facing page?
2. Which four planets are closest to the sun?
3. What section of the country is famous for cowboys?
4. If you flew from New York to London, England, what body of water would you fly over?
5. What is the name of a mountain range in Colorado?
6. Which state is completely surrounded by an ocean, and what ocean is it?
7. What is the large, centrally located park in New York City?
8. What are two European countries?
9. Which city is the second largest in the United States?

**Learning Language** Not only are buildings capitalized, but also rooms within buildings that have a number, name, or letter attached to them.

Room 33      the Taylor Room      Conference Room A

Work with a partner to list places around your school or community that should be capitalized.